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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): JONES, Michael Harold

For: SURGICAL NEEDLE HOLDER

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Eleven (11) pages
- One (1) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 0214635.5 filed in GREAT BRITAIN on June 25, 2002.
 - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 0214635.5 filed in GREAT BRITAIN on June 25, 2002, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

b. --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

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Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

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